

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action dated December 20, 2007.

Claims 1 – 15, 24 are amended, claim 23 is canceled; claims 1 – 22, 24, 25 are now pending in this application.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness. Claims 1 – 15 were amended to overcome the rejection. Applicant submits the claims are in condition for allowance.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 23 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Camps et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,397,108) in view of Hauptert et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,580,948). Claim 23 was canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, rendering the rejection moot. Claim 24 now depends from allowed claim 18.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 16-22 and 25 were allowed.

Claims 1-15 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112 set forth in the Office Action. Applicant submits claims 1 – 15 are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

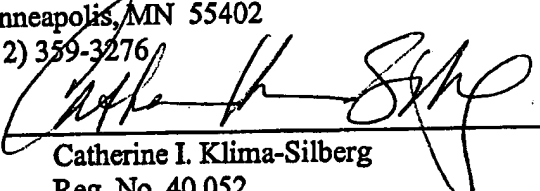
Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 359-3276 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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